

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)
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Mark Hernandez et al.) Examiner: **Ivars C. Cintins**
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 Serial No: **10/627,947**) Art Unit: **1724**
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 Filed: **July 25, 2003**) Attorney Docket: **MJ-1**
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 For: REMOVING METALS FROM SOLUTION)
 USING METAL BINDING COMPOUNDS)
 AND SORBENTS THEREFOR)

Commissioner of Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above application.

 X Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established
 X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	NON- SMALL ENTITY
	Claims Remaining	Minus	Previously Paid For	Present Extra	
Total Claims	* 26	Minus	** 71	0	
Indep. Claims	* 9	Minus	*** 8	1	
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					
				Rate	Additional Fee
				x 25	\$ 0
				x 100	\$ 100
				+180	\$ 0
				Total	\$ 100
				Rate	Additional Fee
				x 50	\$
				x 200	\$
				+360	\$
				Total	\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

*** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

Applicant(s) hereby Petition(s) for an Extension of Time of _____ month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

 X Submitted herewith please find credit card payment of \$ **100.00** to cover the additional claim fee.

 X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **19-1685 (Order No. MJ-1)**:

 X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

 X Any extension or petition fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,
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